

4. BOMBAY/KOLHAPUR/
BELGAUM/BOMBAY

5. BOMBAY/PORBANDER/
KESHOD/BOMBAY

6. BOMBAY/AURANGABAD/
BOMBAY

7. BOMBAY/PUNE/BOMBAY

American Tourists

3570. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Government has marked certain parts of India as "Red Areas" and has advised the American tourists not to visit such places;

(b) if so, the details of such areas;

(c) whether the Government have received any information from the US Government giving reasons for marking certain parts of India as "Red Areas"; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The US State Department issues travel advisories from time to time advising the American citizens to exercise caution while visiting certain countries including India. The parts of India mentioned in the latest advisory include the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Northern Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, etc.

(c) and (d) Such advisories are generally issued by the US Government on the basis of reported events of law and order problems. The matter has already been taken-up with the US Government through diplomatic channels.

Price of Petrol

3571. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRI PIUS TIRAKY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the recent price hike,

petrol in India becomes costlier as compared to most of the developed and developing countries;

(b) the reasons therefor and the comparative prices of petrol per litre in United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, China and Argentina; and

(c) the details of the measures Government propose to take to curb adulteration in diesel with kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Information regarding petrol prices in different countries is not being maintained.

(c) Inspections of outlets, doping of kerosene with furfural and carrying out test etc.

Supply of Natural Gas to Gujarat

3572. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas is being supplied to Bharuch and Surat from domestic and industrial use;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to allocate natural gas to Nausari, Balsad, Vapi and Bilimora cities;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Natural gas is being supplied in Bharuch; supplies to Surat City are yet to commence.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Currently there is no availability of gas for such commitment in the region.

[Translation]

Gas-Based Power Plants with Foreign Assistance

3573. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed with foreign companies for

investment in the field of Gas based power plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-

CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Agreements/contracts for investment for the following Gas based thermal power projects have been signed with foreign organisations:—

S.No.	Name of the Project	Source of Funding(M/S)
1	2	3
1.	Basin Bridge GT (4×30MW) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan.
2.	Kathaluri CCGT 6 (30-40MW) GT+ 3 (30-40 MW ST) North-Eastern Electric Power Corp. (NEEPCO)	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan.
3.	Uran Waste Heat Recovery Unit 1 & 2 (2×120 MW)-Maharashtra State Electricity Board	Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau (KFW), Germany
4.	Dadri CCGT (4×131 MW) GT+ (2×146 MW) ST-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).	Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau (KFW), Germany.
5.	Kawas CCGT (4×106 MW) GT+ (2×110 MW) ST-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	World Bank
6.	Auraiya Gas Power Project 652 MW-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	World Bank
7.	Anta Gas Power Project (413 MW) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	World Bank
8.	Gandhar Gas Based Power Project Stage-I (650 MW)-National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan.

[English]

Conversion of Nuapada-Gunpur

3574. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated revised cost for the conversion of Nuapada Gunpur-narrow-gauge section into broad-gauge;

(b) whether the work on this project is behind the schedule;

(c) if so, the details including the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for the expeditious completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The present day cost for the conversion of 90 km

Nuapada-Gunpur Narrow Gauge line to Broad Gauge would be around Rs. 60 crores.

(b) to (d) This project has not been sanctioned owing to its being unremunerative and acute constraint of resources being faced by the Railways at present.

Overseas Tourist Offices

3575. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the places where overseas tourist offices are functioning at present;

(b) the locations of overseas tourist